

Tips About Lost and Found Animals

If you decide to keep the found animal in your home, rather than bringing it to the Hayward Animal Shelter you must actively search for the animal's owner for at least 30 days. Actively searching includes:

- Placing ads in local newspapers
- Putting up signs around the area where you found the animal
- Bring the animal to the Hayward Animal Shelter during business hours so we may scan the animal for possible microchips and better identify the animal.
- You can also look through our list of owners searching for their pets.

If you are unable to keep the animal in your home, the Hayward Animal Shelter will accept any animal found in the incorporated areas of Hayward and San Leandro.

If the animal is found after office hours, there are depository cages located in the front of the building. If using these cages please fill out the provided yellow information card, as this is very important in tracking where the animal was found.

How to Find Your Pet :

- Visit the Shelter immediately after you have lost your animal
- Check each ward and look at the list of animals posted in front of the shelter each day
- File a lost report
- Visit the shelter every few days to look for your animal
- Visit other shelters in the area as your pet may have been transported or wandered into another community. Check our list of local agencies
- Place a lost ad in the local newspapers and around your neighborhood
- Post lost flyers around your area. Include a picture of your pet
- Post lost flyers at local veterinary clinics and the Bay Area Emergency clinic in case your pet is injured and a Good Samaritan takes your pet to the veterinarian for care
- Notify neighbors in your area and search the area thoroughly (especially evenings since pets become frightened and hide during the day).

- Door-to-door canvassing may provide leads in finding your lost animal. Leave a contact number in case a citizen finds your animal.
- Enlist the help of children in the area. A reward may generate more interest, but do not list a price
- Inform your postal carrier to keep an eye out for your pet
- Check out these private vendors and web sites that may assist in you in finding your pet. The City of Hayward does not endorse or promote these vendors but offer them as a resource as required under Food & agriculture code Section 32001.

www.petfinders.com
www.petharbor.com
www.virtualpetadoptions.com
www.sherlockbones.com

You can also call 510-293-7200 to listen to a partial list of stray animals that have been rescued daily.

Don't give up too quickly